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SUBJECT: TFKU01: CONTACT WITH KUWAITI RESISTANCE

¶1. EMBASSY RECEIVED A FAX THIS MORNING, AUGUST 28, FROM "A KUWAITI CITIZEN" PROPORING TO REPRESENT THE KUWAITI RESISTANCE. THE FAX WAS ON LETTERHEAD FOR "TECHNICAL CENTRE FOR COMPUTER CONSULTING AND SERVICES". PAGE TWO OF FAX WAS ON LETTERHEAD OF "UNIVERSAL BUREAU FOR ECONOMIC CONSULTANT". NEITHER LETTERHEAD GAVE PHONE NUMBER OR ADDRESS, ALTHOUGH FAX NO. FOR TECHNICAL CENTER WAS WRITTEN IN AS: ¶2423952. NO FAX NUMBER WAS GIVEN FOR THE UNIVERSAL BUREAU, EMBASSY WAS ALERTED THAT NEXT FAX WOULD BE ON THAT LETTERHEAD.

¶2. TEXT OF FAX MESSAGE: I AM CONTACTING YOU ON BEHALF OF DAVID MAC (SIC) AND MR. KOBAY (COVEY?) FROM THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF U.S. WHOM ALREADY TALKED TO THE AMBASSADOR (SIC). I HAVE BEEN ASKED TO CONTACT YOU CONCERNING WEAPONS. PLEASE REPLY TO THIS FAX (5759348) AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. (SIGNED) KUWAITI RESISTANCE, FOLLOWED BY ILLEGIBLE ARABIC SIGNATURE. END TEXT. FAX WAS SENT TO THE ATTENTION OF "MRS. BARBAR BOADIEN".

¶3. COMMENT: WE PRESUME THIS FAX COMES FROM ONE OF SAUD NASSER'S CONTACTS, BUT WE HAVE NO REASONABLE WAY TO CONFIRM THAT. WE FIND IT DISTURBING THAT A MESSAGE AS OVERT AS THIS WAS SENT VIA FAX LINES. WHILE THE IRAQIS MAY HAVE LIMITED CAPABILITY TO INTERCEPT FAXES, SINCE THEY PROHIBIT THEM IN IRAQ, WE CANNOT DISCOUNT THAT POSSIBILITY OUTRIGHT. WE ALSO FIND IT DISTURBING THAT THREE USG OFFICIALS, ONE STILL IN KUWAIT, ARE IDENTIFIED AS CONTACTS WITH THE RESISTANCE ON WEAPONS.

¶4. ACTION REQUEST: WE STRONGLY SUGGEST THAT SAUD NASSER BE ADVISED TO HAVE HIS CONTACTS CEASE FURTHER COMMUNICATIONS OF THIS SORT, AT LEAST FOR THE TIME BEING. AT THIS STAGE OF THE GAME, SUCH COMMUNICATIONS ONLY JEOPARDIZE THOSE SENDING, AND THOSE RECEIVING, THE MESSAGES TO NO PRACTICAL EFFECT. SO LONG AS THIS EMBASSY IS SEALED OFF TO THE OUTSIDE WORLD, WE CANNOT HELP OR BE HELPED BY THOSE OUTSIDE. SHOULD THERE BE GENERAL DISORDER, THEN PERHAPS THE ACTIVE ASSISTANCE FROM AND PROTECTION BY LOCAL ELEMENTS WOULD BE USEFUL AND PRACTICAL, BUT NOT NOW. TO BE HONEST, AT THIS STAGE WE ARE MORE IN NEED OF FUEL OR A COVERT POWER LINE INTO THE EMBASSY COMPOUND THAN ANYTHING ELSE.

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